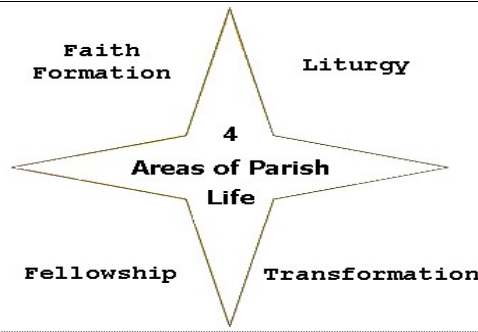





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**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**DECEMBER 5-6, 2020**

<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Celebration of the Eucharist</b>	<b>Saturday 7:00 PM</b>
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**MASSES**

Saturday	Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	John & Mathea Stevens by Margaret Farnand & Family
Sunday	Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Diane Bedard Cameron by Susan & Junior Lemieux

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Nov. 28-29, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$ 430.00	\$ 215.00
- Missionary Bishops	20.00	
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		



**From the Office of the Archbishop**

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace - which we all know by its simpler name, "**Development and Peace**" - is facing great challenges in the context of new problems caused by Covid-19 in the global South. In addition, this year's Share Lent collection could not be held due to the closure of all places of worship during Lent of 2020.

For this reason, the fall 2020 educational campaign, entitled "**Recovering Together**", will also be a fundraising campaign. I gave my agreement to hold a special fundraising in our diocese. Obviously, our congregations are small, but we invite our parishioners to contribute....

This pandemic is not easy for us, who live in a rich country. Let us stand in solidarity with those who do not have our good fortune and who must face this ordeal in environments marked by poverty. Yes, let's all try to "recover together"!

**To make an online donation, go to:** <https://www.devpc.org/en/campaign/recoveringtogether> **or you can send your donation to:**

Development and Peace  
 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor  
 Montréal, Québec Canada, H3G 1T7

## **NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE**

During the past Lent and the Easter seasons, **Archbishop Durocher** published daily video clips on the biblical readings of the day. His goal was to nourish the prayer and meditation of the faithful during a period of confinement. As several parishes of our diocese are now in the red zone, he has decided to renew this project for the coming advent season. **Starting Sunday, November 29, you can find his reflections in both French and English** on the [diocesan YouTube channel](#). We will post the daily links on the [Diocese's Facebook page](#). (As this is a public page, you can access it without being registered with Facebook.) We invite you to support our evangelizing effort by subscribing to these two sites (just click on the subscription button on those pages, it's free) and to share these clips in your own social networks.

### **Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy**



**First Reading:**            **Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11**  
**Psalm:**                    **Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation**  
**Second Reading:**      **2 Peter 3.8-14**  
**Gospel:**                    **Mark 1.1-8**

The theme of Advent is always vigilance and readiness as we wait for the coming of the Lord. Today's readings, in the context of this vigilance, speak about homecoming. They focus on the importance of getting ready for the homecoming of Christ into our hearts and lives by true repentance, prayers and the renewal of our lives. They remind us that the comings of Jesus are in fulfilment of God's saving plan for us, a plan He has from all eternity. In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah speaks about the hope that the slavery of the Babylonian exiles (the Israelites) is about to end and the exiles may soon return to the land of their ancestors, Judah and their holy city of Jerusalem. God says "Comfort, O! comfort my people...." The prophet promises them that the Lord will lead them in a grand procession to their homeland and take care of them as the shepherd takes care of his sheep.

In the second reading, St. Peter invites us to get ready to go home to Heaven with Jesus at His second coming. The early Christians were under the impression that Jesus would return to this world soon and so were discouraged by the seeming delay in His return. Thus, Peter explains that God's way of measuring time is different from ours and that God has His own reasons for 'delaying' Christ's second coming. He says; "...with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day." (v8). Again, God wants all people to be given a chance and time to convert and be saved. It is therefore useless to make calculation (as some do) in order to foresee the coming of the Lord for He will come suddenly like a thief. So Christians should not lose heart, but should keep up their commitment so that "new heavens and a new earth" may finally come.

The Gospel tells us, through John the Baptist, how we should prepare to receive Jesus our Saviour's "coming home" into our lives during the Advent season by repentance and renewal of life. Mark presents in this passage the mission of John the Baptist. John dressed in a strange way and lived an austere life. By this Mark is telling us that John is a new Elijah, preparing the way for the Messiah. He is also fulfilling the mission of Isaiah in the first reading. John too lived in a desert like the Israelites and ate wild food. John was inviting everyone to join him in that desert in order to repeat the experience of Exodus and start a new people that would be led by the new Moses – the Messiah. He preached that the appropriate behaviour for those preparing "the way of the Lord" was to be baptized "as they confessed their sins." He wanted the Jews to prepare their lives for the Messiah by filling in the valleys of prejudice, levelling the mountains of pride and straightening out their crooked paths of injustice and immorality, a reference to the prophecy of Isaiah in the first reading. John the Baptist is saying the same things to us today. We are invited to review our lifestyles, to break away from a style of life that is irreconcilable with a new world where peace is to be the fruit of justice. Let us use these days of preparation for Christmas to ready ourselves for Christ's daily coming and second coming, remembering that the second coming will occur for each one of us on the day of our death, or on the Day of the Lord, whichever comes first.

**Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy News**

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Please remember in your prayers the deceased soul of **Diane Bedard Cameron** whose service was on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Also our sympathy go out to Sherry and family on the loss of a cherished person.

**Office Hours:** The office will be **opened** on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and **closed** on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Cereal Bars:** Basket will be available next Sunday for your donation/s.

**St. Malachy Masses:** Note that for the months of January and February masses will be on Saturday at **4:30 p.m. and not 7:00 p.m.**

**PYX:** All who bring a PYX to Sunday mass, Father has asked that you place it **opened** on the table at the bottom of the altar **prior to mass**. Father will fill and then you can pick up as you come to communion.

**Mass Attendance (OLV):** Please call the office **IF YOU ARE NOT** going to be attending on Sunday. **(819-986-3763)**. **There are people who could take your place. Due to our limited space this kind gesture would be appreciated.**

**OLV Schedule for Lectors & Ushers**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>	<b><u>USHERS</u></b>
Dec. 13	Virginia	Ken & Nancy
Dec. 20	Diane D.	Lyall & Gail

**PLEASE ADVISE EACH OTHER IF CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE & ADVISE MONIQUE SO SEATING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE ADJUSTED**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**



**Annual Lions Club Blitz**

The Buckingham Lions Club has indicated that, because we are now in the red zone for the coronavirus pandemic, the usual activities associated with the Annual Lions Club Blitz cannot be organized this year. Consequently, our two parishes will not be collecting donations for the 2020 Lions Club Blitz.

Instead, we are invited to participate in the Blitz by making donations on a virtual GoFundMe platform which can be found on the Buckingham Lions Club Facebook page. If an on-line donation is not possible, donations can also be mailed to the Buckingham Lions Club, P.O. Box 2714, Gatineau QC J8L 2X1